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In re Application of  
Neil E. Singer, et al.  
Application No. 09/262,781  
Filed: March 4, 1999  
For: DYNAMIC SYSTEM  
CONTROL METHOD

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102, filed August 15, 2000, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII: Accelerated Examination.

The petition complies with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII: Accelerated Examination, in that it is accompanied by (a) the required petition fee of \$130.00, (b) a statement that all claims are directed a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent and Trademark Office hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention, (c) a statement that a preliminary search was done in a foreign country along with a copy of the search report showing field of search and a listing of references deemed most closely related to the claimed subject matter (d) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, and (e) a detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter distinguishes over these references.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is GRANTED.

The application file is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

If the examiner can make this application special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, and he/she should make a rigid search for such, he/she is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the application will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, he/she should consider such application simultaneously with this application and should state in the official letter of such application that he/she is taking it out of its turn because of possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this application or should this application becomes involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by all Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.



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